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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Re: Request to Extend Deadlines in EPA's June 6, 2012, Proposal to Request a Clean Air Act Operating Permit Application for Columbia Generating Station

Dear Mr. Alexander:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency has received your request for an extension to the deadlines to submit comments and request a hearing on EPA's June 6, 2012 proposal that Alliant submit to EPA an application for a federal operating permit for Alliant's Columbia Generating Station under Title V of the Clean Air Act. As discussed in an August 15, 2012 letter to Robert Clark, EPA had proposed to take action on the Columbia Generating Station's operating permit because the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has not yet responded to EPA's October 8, 2009 Order.

EPA has twice extended the deadlines contained in the June 6, 2012 proposal. As was the case in Alliant's requests for those extensions, you suggested that a further extension of the deadlines would allow Alliant to continue to participate in settlement discussions regarding EPA's December 14, 2009 Notice of Violation without having to prepare comments on the June 6, 2012 proposal. We understand that the parties to the negotiations have reached agreement on most major terms of a consent decree, have exchanged drafts of the decree, and are working towards completing language for the consent decree by the end of this year. In light of the above, EPA is willing to extend the deadline for requesting a hearing on the June 6, 2012 proposal to January 14, 2013, and for filing comments on the proposal to February 15, 2013.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Jane Woolums of the Office of Regional Counsel at 312-886-6720.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Czerniak".

George Czerniak
Director
Air and Radiation Division